माइनार्टीज, एस०टी०स० का भी रखा है । इसमें खास करके जो बड़े-बड़े इंडस्ट्रियलिस्ट भी जाते थे, ... (व्यवधान) इसके अलावा भी एस०एस०आई० यूनिट्स में जो हमारे छोटे तबके के लोग हैं, उनको भी इसमें रखते हैं । सब सैक्सन आफ सोसायटीज के लोग इसमें आयें, ताकि उनको यहां प्रतिनिधित्व करने का मौका मिले । ऐसा नहीं कि बार-बार बड़ा इंडस्ट्रियलिस्ट ही चला आए, प्राप्त करके उसमें घुस जाए । हमारी जो सारी चीजें बनी हैं, इसलिए बनी हैं कि सभी सेक्शन आफ सोसायटीज को उसमें काम करने का मौका मिले ।

श्री शिवाजीराव गिरिधर पाटिल : मैं जानता हूं कि ऐसे लोग हैं, जो नेशनल फार्मर्ज हैं और फार्म रेप्रेजेंटेटिव कुछ बैठे हैं । ऐसी स्थिति में आप क्या करेंगे ?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, against the background of the bank scam, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is prepared to bring audit of the banks under the control of the CAG? Madam, I wonder.... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You please ask a question. Don't wander around.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I wonder if an Auditor-Member on the Board of the bank will help in preventing a scam because once an auditor becomes a member of the whole, he becomes part of the management. So, auditors must be independent of the management. From that point of view, I would like to know whether the Government is prepared to allow the CAG to audit banks and whether banks would be brought under the CAG's audit of accounts.

श्री दसबीर सिंह : अभी ऐसा कोई विचार नहीं है ।

ताप विद्युत केन्द्रों का अकुशल कार्यकरण

*484. **श्री गोपाल सिंह डी० सोलंकी :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ताप विद्युत केन्द्रों के अकुशल कार्यकरण के फलस्वरूप विद्युत उत्पादन का लक्ष्य प्राप्त नहीं हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने ताप विद्युत केन्द्रों के समुचित कार्यकरण को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए केंद्रीय स्तर पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Inefficient functioning of thermal power stations

The generation programme vis-a-vis actual generation during the period 1991-92 *and actual generation during* 1990-91 *is as under:—*

Period 1991-92 (Figures in MU)

Type of Generation	Programme 1991-92	Actual 1991-92	Actual 1990-91	% of Programme	% of the last year 1990-91
Thermal	211700	208564	186452	98·5	111·9
Nuclear	6850	5585	6244	81·5	89·4

1	2	3	4	5	6
Hydro	64900	72557	71535	111·8	101·4
Total	283450	286706	264231	101·1	108·5
Sector-wise Breakup					
General Sector	93726	10124	87087	108·0	116·3
State Sector	175869	171867	164302	97·7	104·6
Private Sector	13855	13592	12842	98·1	105·8

Performance of thermal generating units depends upon age of the unit, quality of coal, system load conditions, hydro thermal mix in the State/Region, planned maintenance and forced outage of units and transmission constraints.

Various measures being taken for optimum utilisation of installed capacity include (i) Renovation and Modernisation of old units (ii) assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking plant betterment programmes (iii) supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal (iv) training of O & M personnel, and (v) strengthening of transmission and distribution systems.

An Incentive Scheme for better performance of thermal power stations is being implemented for rewarding thermal power stations to foster a competitive spirit among the employees and improve the performance of thermal power stations of the country.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: The answer which is laid on the Table is not at all satisfactory. I would say that the power generation today is too less as compared to the demand. If you talk of Gujarat State only, in the beginning of the Eighth Five-Year Plan, there would be a demand of 5487 MW and at the beginning of the Ninth Five-Year Plan, the demand would increase to 7581 MW. There would thus be a deficit. In April, 1992 the deficit would be 617 MW, at the end of March, 1997 it will be 2891 MW and at the end of 2002 AD, it will be 4743 MW. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how much would be the total deficit throughout the nation-for all the States—so far as the power generation is concerned. With regard to (b), as stated in the answer the performance of thermal power generating units depends upon the age of the unit, quality of coal, system load conditions. I would like to know from the Minister on this (b) part also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you are going to ask (a), (b), (c) and (d), he won't have time to answer.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Still there are five minutes more, Madam. I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether it is not a fact that the supply of coal is below standard so far as Gujarat is concerned and whether it is also true that the concerned officers have also admitted this short supply and short-loading of the wagons for the Gujarat State and, if so, what action has been taken by the particular Central Government Department against such officers.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam, the question put by the honourable Member is whether it is a fact that due to the inefficient functioning of the thermal power stations, the target of power generation is not being achieved. The answer is that during the year 1991-92, with regard to the target of power generation, we have achieved more than the target in the infrastructure industries. In 1986-

87, the target was 190 billion units and the achievement was 187 billion units; in 1987-88, the target was 205 billion units and the achievement was 201 billion units; in 1988-89, the target was 226 billion units and the achievement was 221 billion units; in 1989-1990, the target was 251 billion units and the achievement was 254 billion units; in 1990-91, the target was 271 billion units and the achievement was 264 billion units. This year, Madam, the target was 283 billion units and the achievement was 286 billion units and the is, more than the target, one per cent more than the target. This is the achievement, Madam. Now, the next question is....

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I am not talking about the target. I am talking about the deficit. Target is a different thing... (*Interruptions*).....

THE KALP NATH RAI: You have asked a question and I have replied to it.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: I am talking about the deficit. Targets are fixed by the Department... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam, the honourable Member has asked another question, ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has asked another question in the main question itself... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I am not asking about the targets... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam, as he has asked the next question, I will reply to it. His next question is, "....if so, what are details thereof?". He has asked this question. What should I reply?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: What is the installed capacity? ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has asked about the installed capacity, pilferage of coal, short supply of coal, poor quality of coal, etc. in relation to Gujarat specifically.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: I have also asked what action has been taken against the officers involved in this.... (*Interruptions*)....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him answer this first ... . (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam, today, the installed capaicty in the country is 70,000 MW ... (*Interruptions*)...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Mr. Solanki, yoc have not asked any question about Gujarat. You have only asked a question about the availability and I am replying to it... (*Interruptions*)... You told me ... (*Interruptions*)... The question that you have asked me is this... (*Interruptions*). ... All the honourable Members are present here... (*Interruptions*)... You asked me this question and I am replying to it Madam, he has asked about the installed capacity and I have told that the installed capacity today is 70,000 MW... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In his supplementaries, he has asked about Gujarat .... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: For Gujarat, *Interruptions*

I need a selerate notice and when I will reply to that question... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Solanki, you put your second supplementary

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: It is not incumbent on me to ask about Gujarat in the main question only. I can ask about that in my supplementaries. ... (*Interruptions*)... I have asked what action has been taken against the officers for short-loading of wagons ... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: It is to be addressed to the Coal Ministry, I think!... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I now come to my second supplmentary. I would like to know whether the Government has thought

about the deficit of coal because of short-loading of coal Wagons by Coal India for Gujarat and whether the Government would compensate the State of Gujarat for this.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam, in the matter of coal supply, the "Cash-and-Carry" principle is applicable. When any State gives the money to Coal India, it is supplied... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: What about the quality of coal? ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: I am telling you.... (*Interruptions*).

श्री गोपाल सिंह जो सोलंकी : गुजरात में जो डैफिसिट... **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Impact of new Gold import scheme on country economy

*485. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 563 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the impact of the liberalised gold import scheme on our economy has been studied;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that smugglers have started misusing the liberalised provisions; and

(d) if so, what is being done to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) While no detailed study has been made, all indications are that the scheme is working well. The gold brought in under the scheme has been rising as the figures below show.

1992	Quantity of gold imported (tonne)	Duty collected in convertible foreign exchange (Rs. crores)
1 March—	12·02	34·12
31 May		
June	8·93	19·63
July	9·23	20·30
1st—7th Aug.	1·95	4·37
1 Mar.—7 Aug.	32·12	78·42

The premium in unofficial foreign exchange transactions has narrowed considerably indicating a fall in the profitability of hawala transactions.

(c) and (d) While some stray instances of possible use of couriers for legal import of gold has been noticed, the magnitude is not significant enough to warrant concern.